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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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10/071,688	02/08/2002	Charles J. Kuehmann	04019.00021	2082
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**TITLE OF INVENTION:** NANOCARBIDE PRECIPITATION STRENGTHENED ULTRAHIGH STRENGTH, CORROSION RESISTANT, STRUCTURAL STEELS AND METHOD OF MAKING SAID STEELS

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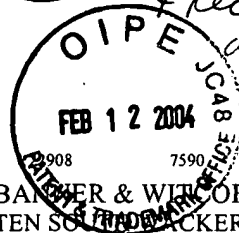
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See 37 CFR 1.27.

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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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## Complete if Known

Application Number	10/071,688
Filing Date	February 8, 2002
First Named Inventor	Charles J. Kuehmann
Examiner Name	Deborah Yee
Art Unit	1742
Attorney Docket No.	04019.00021

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1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$ 0)

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims		** =	0	X		=	0
Independent Claims		** =	0	X		=	0
Multiple Dependent				X		=	0

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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
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1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	665
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
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8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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